

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ATHENS 13064 091537Z

70

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SNM-02 AID-05 FSI-03 IGA-02 IO-13

CIAE-00 INR-07 JUSE-00 NSAE-00 TRSE-00 USIA-15 NSC-05

OES-06 OMB-01 /072 W

----- 060099

R 091431Z DEC 76

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8227

INFO DEA WASHDC

US CUSTOMS AGENCY WASHDC

UNCLAS ATHENS 13064

DEPARTMENT ATTENTION S/NM; DEA ATTENTION TRI;
US CUSTOMS ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR, GR

SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES

REF: STATE 284346

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL FOLLOW:

A. NO

B. ALL GREEK AGENCIES INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT IS THE GENDARMERIE, THE CITY POLICE, CUSTOMS AND THE COAST GUARD, PROVIDE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL FOR OFFICER AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER TRAINEES. THIS NARCOTICS TRAINING IS INCLUDED AS PART OF THE GENERAL CURRICULUM AT THE VARIOUS TRAINING SCHOOLS RUN BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

TRADITIONALLY THE INSTRUCTORS ARE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AND MORE RECENTLY THE INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DONE BY GRADUATES OF DEA AND U.S. CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOLS. THIS TRAINING PROVIDES A BROAD GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF NARCOTICS MATTERS. IT IS SUPPLEMENTED BY MORE INTENSIVE IN-HOUSE TRAINING FOR THOSE SELECTED FOR NARCOTICS WORK. THE TRAINING APPEARS TO BE ADEQUATE IN PROVIDING GREEK AGENCIES WITH A BODY OF OFFICERS ABLE TO MEET AND CONTROL THE CURRENT NARCOTICS THREAT IN GREECE.

HOWEVER, GREEK NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES FEEL THAT SHOULD THE TREAT INTENSIFY IN THE FUTURE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ATHENS 13064 091537Z

TRAINING PROVIDED IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHALLENGE.

C. THE GREEK GENDARMERIE, THE GREEK CITY POLICE, THE COAST GUARD AND THE CUSTOMS SERVICES ALL HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITIES. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GREEK CITY POLICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITIES OF ATHENS, PATRAS AND PIRAEUS AND ALSO ON THE ISLAND OF CORFU. THE GENDARMERIE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN ALL OTHER CITIES AND AREAS)

D. AS NOTED ABOVE, NARCOTICS INSTRUCTION AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS IS PROVIDED BY EXPERIENCED NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICERS. THESE OFFICERS ARE NOT ASSIGNED PERMANENTLY TO THE FACULTIES OF ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL BUT RATHER ARE ASSIGNED ON AN AD HOC BASIS, TAKING TIME FROM THEIR REGULAR DUTIES TO TEACH. INCREASINGLY OVER THE PAST YEARS THESE INSTRUCTORS HAVE THEMSELVES ATTENDED NARCOTICS TRAINING SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE USG

E. 1976 - 5 STUDENTS ATTENDED DEA'S ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT SCHOOL

1975 - 40 STUDENTS ATTENDED A DEA TRAINING COURSE IN ATHENS

1974 - 40 STUDENTS AT A CUSTOMS TRAINING SCHOOL IN ATHENS

WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TRAINING FOR GREEK POLICE OFFICERS

F. AS NOTED ABOVE, GREEK NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO BE ABLE, WITH THEIR PRESENT LEVEL OF TRAINING, TO MEET THE CURRENT NARCOTICS THREAT TO GREECE. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THE LOCAL TRAINING WOULD SEEM TO BE ADEQUATE

G. YES

H. OUR PREFERENCE AT PRESENT WOULD BE FOR DEMONSTRATION LECTURES BY EXPERIENCED U.S. INSTRUCTORS AT THE APPROPRIATE GREEK INSTITUTIONS. WHILE THE TIME MAY COME WHEN IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO CONSIDER INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR GREECE IN THE U.S. OR IN THE HOST COUNTRY, PRESENTLY THE RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF THIS THREAT AND THE LACK OF A DISTINCTIVE DRUG CONTROL CURRICULUM FOR NARCOTICS AFFAIRS SUGGEST THAT SUCH TRAINING NOW IS NOT NECESSARY, PARTICULARLY WHEN MEASURED AGAINST OTHER PRIORITIES

I. GREECE WOULD NOT BE AN APPROPRIATE COUNTRY FOR REGIONAL TRAINING. (IN ADDITION TO OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, THERE WOULD BE A LANGUAGE PROBLEM)

KUBISCH

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, PERSONNEL TRAINING, DRUG CONTROL, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 DEC 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ATHENS13064
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760455-1062
From: ATHENS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761256/aaaabwbk.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 284346
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: wolfsd
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUN 2004 by hattaycs>; APPROVED <03 AUG 2004 by wolfsd>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NARCOTICS TRAINING FACILITIES
TAGS: SNAR, GR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006